



**Jesus said,  
“There is no one who  
performs a mighty deed  
in my name  
who can at the same time  
speak ill of me.**

**For whoever is  
not against us  
is for us.”**

**Mark 9:39–40**



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**September 30, 2018 • Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp, away from the other prophets, Joshua, Moses' beloved aide, urges Moses to stop them. Moses replies "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" He proclaims that grace abounds for all and that the word of the Lord should be proclaimed by all the people.

We see a similar situation in the Gospel of Mark. John tells Jesus that someone who does not follow him with them is driving out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus replies "Do not prevent him . . . For whoever is not against us is for us." In other words, Jesus is saying the same thing as Moses: Would that all the people prophesied in God's name!

**THE DEVASTATION OF SIN**

Jesus goes on to teach about sin and its consequences. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." By "little ones," Jesus means the humble followers as well as innocent children who love him. Certainly those who have abused

children have not caused the children "to sin," but have made them victims of the worst kind of abuse. These people are worthy of condemnation.

Jesus next points out something so strong in its condemnation of sin that it alarms us when we hear it, knowing that we all are sinners. But Jesus often speaks in metaphors and parables, and it is not necessary to take his teaching about cutting off hands and feet and gouging out eyes literally. It can be taken to mean that if we are guilty of sin, we should make an immediate break from our sinfulness and return to God. Better to cut sin out of our life than to enter into eternal darkness.

There is so much to learn from these readings that we have many things to ponder and to pray about. Take advantage of these wise teachings to become closer to Christ and to treat one another with love and care.

Today's Readings: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**Weekends:** Saturday - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 8:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.  
**Weekdays:** Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.  
**Holy Day Mass Schedule:**  
8:00 am, 7:00 p.m.

**St. Francis Xavier Parish**

7th and JEFFERSON STREETS, MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA. 26041  
*Rev. That Son Ngoc Nguyen*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m., or any other time upon request.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:**

By appointment. Contact the Parish House at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:**

By appointment. The Diocese requires instructions beforehand for the parents. Contact the parish office.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (C.C.D.):**

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. for Grades 1-12.

**REGISTRATION AND CHURCH SUPPORT:**

Parishioners should be properly registered at the Parish Office







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**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 30, 2018**

The law of the LORD is perfect,  
refreshing the soul;  
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,  
giving wisdom to the simple.  
— *Psalm 19:8*

**Mass Intentions  
For The Week**



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- SEPT. 29**      **SATURDAY**  
4:00 P.M.      **Lawrence "Yogi" Berletch†**  
                    *(Joanne & Cork Potts)*
- SEPT. 30**      **SUNDAY**  
8:00 A.M.      **Carl & Frances Costanzo†**  
                    *(Darryl Costanzo)*  
10:00 A.M.      **Father Rick Shoda†**  
                    *(Diane & Drew Haaser)*
- OCT. 1**         **MONDAY**  
8:00 A.M.      **M & N**  
                    *(Andrea Farley)*
- OCT. 2**         **TUESDAY**  
8:00 A.M.      **Edg & Kathy Lightcap**  
                    *(Robin Targosky)*
- OCT. 3**         **WEDNESDAY**  
8:00 A.M.      **Phil & Mary Klug†**  
                    *(Joan Klug)*
- OCT. 4**         **THURSDAY**  
8:00 A.M.      **Sophie Skrzypek†**  
                    *(Carolyn Gordon)*
- OCT. 5**         **FRIDAY**  
8:00 A.M.      **Living and deceased members of  
the Urban Klug Family**  
                    *(Jane Klug)*
- OCT. 6**         **SATURDAY**  
4:00 P.M.      **Semon & Phyllis Prado**  
                    *(Danny Prado)*
- OCT. 7**         **SUNDAY**  
8:00 A.M.      **For Vocations of Religious Life &  
Priesthood**  
                    *(Cecile Vo)*  
10:00 A.M.      **Lawrence Nguyen Thanh Su†**  
                    *(Ta Ta Mary)*

**WEEKLY SCHEDULES**

**Lectors/ Eucharistic Ministers:**

- 10/6 4:00 p.m. Alice Wise/Libby Magnone  
10/7 8:00 a.m. C. frame/ L. Yoho  
10/7 10:00 a.m. Mark Helfer/ L. Freeland

**Altar Servers:**

- 10/6 4:00 p.m. Frizzell family  
10/7 8:00 a.m. Kent family  
10/7 10:00 a.m. Targosky, Miller

**Gift Bearers:**

- 10/6 4:00 p.m. John & Loretta Niemiec  
10/7 8:00 a.m. Pete & Judy Mysliwicz  
10/7 10:00 a.m. Carolyn Gordon

**Sacristy Cleaners: Week of September 24, 2018**

Latrisha Whitelatch & Charlotta Durbin

**Greeters:**

- 10/6 4:00 p.m. Cork Potts  
10/7 8:00 a.m. Phil & Loretta Remke  
10/7 10:00 a.m. Daniel & Heather Blatt

**Bingo October 5, 2018**

Raffle – Rick Targosky  
Kitchen – Kathleen Naegele

**COLLECTION: September 16, 2018**

- Envelopes - \$ 3096.00**  
**Loose Offering - \$ 998.00**  
**Building Repairs - \$160.00**  
**Xavier Hall - \$ 100.00**  
**Memorial Offerings - \$ 105.00**  
**Pennies for God - \$ 6.86**  
**Attendance - 301**

The Second Collection this week is for  
The Catholic University of America

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL  
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contact local law enforcement, or you may confidentially  
contact WV Child Protective Services: 800.352.6513.  
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please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237  
or 304.233.0880.



Rosary weekdays after 8 am Mass

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS:**

**Prayer Request:** Joe Cuchta, Christy Klug, Kimberly Peffley, Gary Rine, Patty Kleinedler, Bobby Kleinedler, Joanna Bierce, Don McCormick, Joe & Sue Church, Helen Cuchta, Kenny Blake, Chris Colby, Richard Timko, Maggie Yeater;  
**Homebound:** Semon & Phyllis Prado, Doris Murphy, Bob Tetric; **Nursing Home:** Gary Dobbs, Patricia Schmidt, Helen Remke, Gladys Holmes, Thelma Gitlin, Barbara Meyer, Elizabeth Potts, Marilyn Neidhardt.



Our Parish offers prayers and condolences to the family of:

Nancy Joyce

(Grandmother of Bill Whitelatch and great-grandmother of Clinton, Braden and Lillian.)  
May she rest in peace.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
Sunday, October 14, 2018  
11:30 am until 4:30 pm  
**OUR LADY OF LEBANON CHURCH**  
2216 EOFF STREET, WHEELING

St. Alphonsus Christian Mothers  
**CARD PARTY**  
October 7, 2018  
1:00 - 3:00 PM  
St. Alphonsus Parish Hall  
Cost per seat \$8.00  
Contact Angela Howell 304-281-5497  
or Helena Christman 304-232-8649

**HOG WILD BBQ DINNER**  
Saturday, October 20th 6pm  
Peace Family Center  
690 Mount Olivet Road, Wheeling  
\$25 per person  
BBQ dinner; keg beer and set ups; live band; raffle baskets; and fun. Seating is limited.  
Call 304-242-1383  
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**Appalachian Outreach 3rd Annual  
Fall into Christmas Bazaar**  
October 6th 10 am to 3 pm  
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the kids!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Sept 30** - Heroin(e) Movie Screening 2-4 pm  
**Oct 6** - Blessing of the animals at 10:00 am  
**Oct 9** - 2019 Mass Book opens  
**Oct. 12** - Fish Fry Noon to 4:00  
**Jan 26** - World Youth Day

**MONTHLY FISH FRY**

**The Knights of Columbus and St. Francis Xavier Parish will sponsor a Fish Fry on the second Friday of every month.**

Starting date is **FRIDAY OCT. 12, Noon to 4**  
Fish fries will begin on the second Friday until the Lenten season. Workers and baked goods are Needed! Contact Greg Green 304-238-3621 or Cork Potts 304-845-2686 if you are willing to help or drop off baked goods or supplies at the church office.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Catholic Charities' Neighborhood Center on 18th Street in Wheeling needs volunteers, especially backup drivers to deliver meals.

Through the meal delivery program, the Neighborhood Center feeds about 170 people each day. These individuals are shut in their homes for various reasons, and would otherwise struggle to get the nourishment they need.  
For more information please contact Keith Miller at 304-650-9608



**Don't Forget!**  
**Blessing of the Animals**  
Saturday, October 6  
10:00 am

**QUILT DRAWING**

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**ST. JUDE CRAFT FAIR**

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Saturday, October 13, 2018  
10 am to 2 pm  
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